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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY - SECOND PRESIDENTIAL VETO
OF CONTINUING RESOLUTION AUTHORITY (CRA)

1. OCTOBER 16 TWO HOUSES OF CONGRESS ADOPTED NEW CRA WITH
FOLLOWING LANGUAGE, PROPOSED BY CONGRESSMAN ROSENTHAL,
RELATING TO AID TO TURKEY:

QTE NONE OF THE FUNDS HEREIN MADE AVAILABLE SHALL BE
OBLIGATED OR EXPENDED FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE, OR FOR SALES
OF DEFENSE ARTICLES AND SERVICES (WHETHER FOR CASH OR BY
CREDIT, GUARANTY, OR ANY OTHER MEANS) OR FOR THE TRANSPORTA-
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TION OF ANY MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLIES TO TURKEY UNTIL AND UNLESS THE PRESIDENT CERTIFIES TO THE CONGRESS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961, THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT, AND ANY AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO UNDER SUCH ACTS AND THAT SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS TOWARD AGREEMENT HAS BEEN MADE REGARDING MILITARY FORCES IN CYPRUS: THE PROVISIONS OF THE PRECEDING SENTENCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON DECEMBER 10, 1974; EXCEPT THAT SUCH PROVISIONS SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE BEFORE DECEMBER 10, 1974, WHENEVER ANY SUCH DEFENSE

ARTICLES OR SERVICES, OR OTHER MILITARY EQUIPMENT OR SUPPLIES MADE AVAILABLE AT ANY TIME TO THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY, WHICH ARE NOT IN CYPRUS ON THE DATE OF ENACTMENT OF THIS SECTION, ARE TRANSPORTED TO CYPRUS. UNQTE.

2. OCTOBER 17 PRESIDENT VETOED CRA AND ADDRESSED FOLLOWING REMARKS TO CONGRESS:

QTE I GREATLY REGRET THAT FOR THE SECOND TIME I MUST RETURN WITHOUT MY APPROVAL THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION GRANTING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES AND FOR THE TEMPORARY CONTINUATION OF OUR FOREIGN AID PROGRAMS, H. J. RES. 1163.

MY PREVIOUS VETO MESSAGE AND MY PUBLIC STATEMENTS ON THIS MATTER HAVE CLEARLY EXPRESSED OUR OBJECTIVES WITH RESPECT TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS DISPUTE AS WELL AS THE DANGERS POSED BY LEGISLATIVE RESTRICTIONS DESTROYING OUR ABILITY TO ASSIST THE PARTIES INVOLVED. THE CONGRESS, DESPITE THE BEST EFFORTS OF THE BIPARTISAN LEADERS OF BOTH HOUSES, HAS FOR THE SECOND TIME REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE THE REALITIES OF THE SITUATION.

WHILE THE LANGUAGE OF THIS NEW BILL IS DIFFERENT, ITS EFFECT IS SIMILAR TO THE EARLIER CONTINUING RESOLUTION WHICH REQUIRED MY VETO ON OCTOBER 14. I NEED NOT REITERATE THE EXTENSIVE COMMENTS WHICH I MADE AT THAT TIME AND WHICH AGAIN COMPEL A VETO. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS BILL AS THEY WOULD APPLY TO TURKEY WOULD DO NOTHING TO BRING AN END TO THE SUFFERING OF THE CYPRIOT PEOPLE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD DO NOTHING TO ENCOURAGE THE TWO SIDES TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE PEACEFULLY, AND WOULD BRING A FURTHER DETERIORATION OF THE POSTURE OF THE NATO ALLIANCE IN THE CRUCIAL EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. IT IS FOR THESE REASONS AND THOSE PREVIOUSLY STATED THAT I MUST RELUCTANTLY VETO THE BILL BEFORE ME.

IN ADDITION, I AM COMPELLED TO POINT OUT AGAIN THAT SHOULD THIS MEASURE BECOME LAW, THE UNITED STATES WOULD HAVE LOST THE ABILITY TO PLAY A USEFUL ROLE IN THIS DISPUTE AND WOULD IN EFFECT HAVE TO WITHDRAW FROM THE NEGOTIATIONS. SHOULD THE CONGRESS FORCE SUCH AN ACTION, IT MUST DO SO IN THE CLEAR KNOWLEDGE THAT IT ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SITUATION WHICH WOULD THEN PREVAIL.

I ASK THAT THE CONGRESS NOT CHOOSE THAT PATH BUT THAT IT RECONSIDER ITS ACTION AND PROVIDE A BILL WHICH WILL PERMIT THE CONTINUED EXECUTION OF UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY IN A CONSTRUCTIVE AND RESPONSIBLE MANNER. UNQTE.

3. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SUSTAINED PRESIDENTIAL VETO TODAY (OCTOBER 17) AND IS NOW WORKING ON NEW CRA. PRESENT EXPECTATIONS ARE THAT HOUSE AND SENATE WILL COMPLETE ACTION ON NEW VERSION SOMETIME TODAY. KISSINGER

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